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# LETTERS TO THE EDITOR



[*The Editor is not responsible for opinions expressed in this Department.*]

(NOTE.—We have a number of letters which have been addressed to the editor personally, and to which we have been unable to reply because they contained no address, either of street, city or state.—EDITOR.)

## FLOOR POLISH

DEAR EDITOR: I would be very grateful to any of our readers who would recommend a good receipt for floor polish, to be used on varnished floors and linoleum.

S. M. T.

## HOSPITAL POLICIES

DEAR EDITOR: Is it customary or right for a nurse to be a surgeon's only assistant at a major operation, taking the place of assistant surgeon and chief nurse? Also, is it right to have a pet poodle in the wards, on the bed during surgical dressings, in and out of the operating room during preparations for operating, having in fact, free run of a hospital mostly surgical? I would be glad to have the opinion of nurses in general upon these questions.

AN INQUIRER.

## FROM INDIA

DEAR EDITOR: In my last week's *British Journal of Nursing* an article, copied in part from *The Lancet*, about flies said that two drachms of formaldehyde in a pint of water would attract and kill them by the hundred. We haven't any formaldehyde here, but I found three drachms of formalin in half a pint of water killed five hundred in a few hours.

If any nurse in a hospital like this is as distressed about the flies as I was, she will gladly try this remedy. If any one knows of a cheaper and more effective fly killer, I should be most glad to hear of it.

M. NORA NEVE.

## A QUESTION IN REGARD TO ST. BARNABAS GUILD

DEAR EDITOR: I, with others, would like to hear from members of St. Barnabas Guild as to any special social advantage accruing from membership. Has the society been the means of revolutionizing the social status of the profession at large? Such was the inference made by the Charleston chaplain of the Guild at a recent meeting. He concluded his remarks with the very broad statement that "ten years ago nurses were social outcasts."

Rev. Mr. Wood of St. Luke's Church did organize the Guild in this city, and many pleasant evenings have been enjoyed by the nurses, but much indignation has been expressed, and the intention of the nurses to tender their resignation to the Guild will settle the nurses' point of view as to the social benefits derived.

A FORMER MEMBER OF ST. BARNABAS GUILD.